

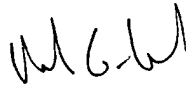
REMARKS

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action of December 28, 2004, requiring that an Election be made. Although the validity of the Restriction Requirement has not be evaluated, the Applicants will select Group I, consisting of claims 2, 3, 47-52, 60-75, and 81, to be pursued at this time.

The claims placed in Groups II and III by the Office Action and which are non-elected (claims 11, 53-59, 76-80, and 82-85) are being cancelled. The remaining pending claims are as presented in the previous Amendment, to which the Examiner is referred for arguments for their allowability and for any amendments made at that time.

Consideration of claims 22, 3, 47-52, 60-75, and 81 and an early indication of their allowance are earnestly solicited.

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